

Partners in Mission

From Your Door Steps...

2015 Easter Offering » Received in most congregations on
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HOPE Partnership for Missional Transformation

Ministry working in partnership to save community

Working in partnership is how Fe Esperanza y Amor Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has successfully spread God's mission through the community surrounding El Cajon Boulevard in San Diego, Calif. It's a partnership with the Pacific Southwest Region of the Christian Church, Casa De Oración (sister church of Fe Esperanza y Amor) and Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation.

When Taurino Rivera, pastor and new church planter of Fe Esperanza y Amor, encountered the community surrounding El Cajon Boulevard, he saw an area that was socially and economically depressed. The area was notorious for having drug deals in the parking lot during the day and prostitution behind the strip mall at night. It was a community that was in dire need of God's mission.

Rivera, who was committed to bringing the gospel to this area, sought a place to have a Bible study. He asked the building manager of one of the apartment complexes located behind the local strip mall if he could have a Bible study in an apartment space. The apartment manager not only granted Rivera permission to have the Bible Study, but he began participating in the study and eventually joined the church.

With help and support of Casa De Oración and the Christian Church Pacific Southwest Region, Rivera was able to rent a storefront space in the local strip mall to plant Fe Esperanza y Amor Christian Church. He started the church with five people, mainly family members. Today, the vibrant church has 200 members and is in the business of transforming lives in the community.

Fe Esperanza y Amor focuses on supporting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of individuals in the community and plays a vital role in this community's well being. Using a holistic approach, the church feeds the word of God while praying for and encouraging individuals to make good decisions for their lives.

And the church site is not your typical space. The storefront space where Fe Esperanza y Amor is located was once a business that provided oil changes. Now the bay where oil changes were performed has been transformed into a baptismal pool. Rivera has based the church's mission on Acts 2:46-47. The congregation works together in unity,

through the evangelization, teaching the word, prayer and small groups in homes. Fe Esperanza y Amor Christian Church is on a mission to share the word of God, lead people to Christ, encourage family unity and change lives in this community.

Fe Esperanza y Amor is one of the 840 new Disciples churches launched since the creation of the 2020 Vision. Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, a partner in mission for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) empowers courageous leaders such as new church planter Taurino Rivero. Hope Partnership carries forward the critical Church-wide imperative of new church ministry through the development of new church planters, coaches, visionaries and emerging churches. The Easter Offering supports the start of new Disciples churches.

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